

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 28, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Haslund	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Hoffmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Yormark
<input type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin	

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager
Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Steve Clark, Public Works Director
Mark Sanders, Studio SC
Faith Berry, Studio SC
Michael Goldsmith, Burien BEDP
Erin Williamson, Burien Arts Association
Randy Lacey, Past Commissioner and Burien Resident

Minutes

Meeting called to order.

September minutes approved.

City Hall Interior Graphics Presentation—Steve Clark and Studio SC

At this time, the new Burien Library and City Hall are under construction. Studio SC has been hired to design the interior signage in conjunction with the Burien Library. Steve Clark and Studio SC are asking the Burien Arts Commission for their feedback on the designs.

“Vision Graphics” have been designed to engage the public. These graphics have been designed to be friendly and community minded; to express what Burien is about: its diversity, past and future; and to truly showcase Burien. Studio SC began by choosing key words from the City of Burien Mission Statement created in 1993. This text (vision statements), or “higher level messaging” will consist of wall text and focal points (images). The landings in the entrance of the new building will hold framed historical and current images and ten “Vision Statements”. Considerations for this project include cost and maintenance.

Dane suggested that the wording includes listing the many languages spoken in Burien, or statements in these languages, or even the word “welcome” in different language mirroring the hand rails. Maps of the city could be integrated into artwork/walls. These maps could be from the past, showing the original street names, as Federal Way has done with their street signs. Donna, Maureen, Victoria volunteered to help with verbiage and it was proposed to ask the

Burien Economic Development Partnership (BEDP) for assistance. Dane also suggested using underwater images that could come from the Environmental Science Center.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Steve Clark.

Burien Public Works Director Stephen Clark was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Burien Arts Commission for his assistance in bringing Public Art to Burien.

AREA OF FOCUS REPORTS

Visual Arts

Arts Education- Victoria has applied for two grants, a Mad Grant to purchase musical instruments to be used in area schools as a musical petting zoo, and an Excel grant for cultural diversity banners to be designed and hung in 4 schools in the Highline school district. She should hear back from the granting organizations by the end of November. Also, in 2009 high school students will be required to take two art credits to graduate. The schools are working on how to incorporate this new requirement.

Public Art-B/IAS- To date Ignition Northwest, the managing entity for B/IAS has raised \$22,000 to bring the sculpture “The Passage” to Burien and install in “B/IAS” (Burien Interim Art Space). Ignition Northwest will manage the year long project with support from Urban Partners.

Urban Partners is now proposing a smaller space in Parcel 5 for B/IAS due to staging needs for the Town Square project. INW is looking for clear information about land usage from UP at a meeting to be held Friday, October 31. Also to be discussed at this meeting is lighting, power, etc. for the space. Dane also brought up that the Seattle Winter Festival, the organization originally bringing The Passage to Seattle, may not be able to fund the project, but at this time money is secure to bring The Passage to Burien. Dane would like all the arts commissioners to think about how projects in 2009 could be linked to B/IAS.

4-Culture Public Art Workshop- Debbie and Gina attended a workshop on October 15th. The workshop, hosted by 4-Culture, discussed the how-to’s of bringing public art to a city.

Performing and Literary Arts

Literary Arts –workshop delayed. Possible date-- Nov 13th.

All City Arts Events-no report

Site Specific-Gina attended the LAA meeting on September 25th. At the meeting 4-Culture presented its roster of site specific artists for 2009. Many interesting artists will be available, including a few who have designed performances specifically for Burien. Gina has the notebooks if anyone would like to review. Also, Dane and Kathy will be meeting with Charlie Rathbun of 4-Culture in the next month to discuss B/IAS.

Special Projects

Burien Aesthetic Master Plan-Maureen presented on her meeting with the Burien Economic Development Partnership (BEDP). The presentation on “Branding Burien” suggested redesigning the Burien logo, presented logos from other local communities (pointing out similarities with what Burien currently has), and mentioned aesthetics that could be used in signage, wayfinding, and the banner project—a project that could represent the diversity in Burien. Maureen recognized that design of an all new logo could take 2-3 years. Maureen

suggested that the current logo be "cleaned up" now for use in the interim. (The original logo was designed by a 7th grader 15 years ago.) City Manager Mike Martin asked to meet with her and Dick Lowman to discuss the process to "clean up" the logo.

Celebrating Burien's Cultural Identity- no report...Donna mentioned that this aspect of the Arts Commission work plan does merge into all other aspects that arts commission works on..."a thread that runs through all we do".

Other

Burien Economics Development Partnership Report-Michael Goldsmith presented that the City Council and City Staff have communicated to BEDP that the arts are a very important part of Burien's economic development. Michael is looking to start communication between BEDP and the Arts Commission. The two groups will work together on the design project for the interior of the new city hall/library. Shelley mentioned that Americans for the Arts (Americansforthearts.org) has a study regarding the benefits the arts provide for cities. BEDP meetings are the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7am at City Hall.

Burien Arts Association Report- Erin Williamson, BAA Director, invited all to BAA's upcoming event, *20/20 vision*. For this fundraising event 20 artists have created 20 pieces of art to sell for \$40 each. The event will be held at Karuna Yoga on November 22nd from 7-11pm. Another event is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th- The pARTy Bus will depart from the Burien Art Gallery and head to the Seattle Art Museum with a tour and scavenger hunt. Dinner and drinks are provided by Elliott Bay Brewery.

STAFF REPORT

Art Talk-The Art Talk, the first focus workshop that came out of the discussions at the Arts Summit, will be held Saturday, Nov 15, from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM and will focus on collaborative marketing and promotion for local arts and culture groups. The workshop will be run by 4-Culture.

Arts Commission Size-The City Council has approved changing the size of the arts commission from 11 members to 9 members.

Burien Community Center Usage- Parks Director Michael Lafreniere will be making a presentation to the City Council on November 17th regarding the usage of the BCC by local arts and service groups. BCC would continue to be managed by the City and Parks programming and staff would move to the old Burien library. Details will be determined.

Burien Arts Happenings – The Burien Little Theater will run Rocky Horror Picture Show through November 11th and Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol will run November 28-December 21.

Seattle Cell Phone Tour-Debbie reported on a Public Art Tour put together by the City of Seattle. The tour has the public use their cell phones to access information about public art throughout the city.

State of the Arts in the Schools-Debbie passed out an editorial in the October Highline Times that addressed the state of the arts in the Highline School District.

Meeting Adjourned

